

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

1. (Original) A desk top or vertical surface storage rack for small items,  
including:

a rectangular, U-shaped base having a pair of outwardly extending legs separated  
by an outwardly opening transversely extending slot, an outwardly opening strip receiving slit  
formed in each of said outwardly extending legs and a wider strip receiving slit formed in the  
bottom of said slot,

at least one pair of retainer loops formed of a strip of a tough, resilient, abrasive-  
resistant resin,

each of said retainer loops having a bight portion positioned outwardly of said  
outwardly extending legs of said U-shaped base and two legs extending from said bight portion,  
one of said legs of each strip having its distal end positioned in said strip receiving slit of one of  
said base outwardly extending legs and the other of said legs positioned in said wider strip  
receiving slit in said bottom of said slot, and

means to fasten the distal ends of said retainer loop legs to said base.

2. (Original) The desk top storage rack of claim 1 in which said other of said legs  
of each strip positioned in said wider strip receiving slit in said bottom of said slot are formed  
integrally with each other to form a bight portion between said pair of retainer loops.

3. (Original) The desk top storage rack of claim 1 in which said means to fasten  
said distal ends of said retainer loop legs to said base includes a rod extending through said  
upstanding legs of said base and through said retainer loops.

4. (Original) The desk top storage rack of claim 2 in which said means to fasten said distal ends of said retainer loop legs to said base includes a rod extending through said upstanding legs of said base and through said retainer loops.

5. (Original) The desk top storage rack of claim 1 in which said base has side walls extending generally at right angles to said retainer loops and a groove is formed in each of said side walls of said base for mounting said base in a receiver.

6. (Original) The desk top storage rack of claim 2 in which said base has side walls extending generally at right angles to said retainer loops and a groove is formed in each said side walls of said base for mounting said base to a receiver.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) The desk top storage rack of claim 3 in which an opening is formed in each of said retainer loop legs near its distal end,

said rod extends through said openings,

each opening has an eyelet surrounding said opening with contiguous legs of adjacent retainer loops being held together by a single eyelet.